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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

✓ Hiroaki KAWAI et al.

✓ Serial Number: 09/282,450

Group Art Unit: 2876

✓ Filed: March 31, 1999

Examiner: D. LEE

✓ For: COMMODITY INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

**SECOND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**  
**- EXPEDITED RESPONSE -**  
**GROUP ART UNIT 2876**

**BOX AF**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231

May 31, 2001

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 1, 2001, please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Amend claims 1-2 and 9 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A commodity information management system for managing a commodity as well as security thereof based on a barcode and a tag attached to said commodity, said system comprising:

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